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SUBJECT: REPORT OF INM-FUNDED PROGRAM ACTIVITY -
BOLIVIA - (JULY 1992)
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1. SUMMARY
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THE WATERWAYS LAW ENFORCEMENT SECTION (WLE) IN THIS MONTH'S REPORT CONTAINS THE PROGRAM ABSTRACT FOR THE MONTH OF JUNE, NOT JULY. THE PATTERN OF REPORTING WLE STATISTICS DELAYED BY ONE MONTH WILL CONTINUE IN ALL FUTURE MONTHLY REPORTS, AND WILL BE SO NOTED IN THE WLE SECTION. THIS DELAY IS DUE TO THE LENGTH OF TIME REQUIRED TO RECEIVE OFFICIAL DOCUMENTATION ON WLE SEIZURES.

SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:

-- ASUNTA ROCA EXTRADITED TO THE U.S.;

-- AVIATION WING RECEIVES HIGH MARKS;

-- COCA ERADICATION REACHES HIGHEST LEVEL THIS YEAR;

-- SEIZURE STATISTICS (MONTHLY AND CUMULATIVE);

-- AIR OPERATIONS PROGRAM REPORT.

END SUMMARY.

2. ASUNTA ROCA EXTRADITED TO THE U.S.

ON JULY 9, THE BOLIVIAN SUPREME COURT REJECTED THE FINAL CHALLENGE TO ITS DECISION IN THE ROCA SUAREZ CASE, THUS CLEARING THE WAY FOR THE EXTRADITION OF ASUNTA BEATRIZ ROCA SUAREZ. ROCA IS SCHEDULED TO STAND TRIAL IN THE CENTRAL DISTRICT COURT OF CALIFORNIA FOR CONSPIRACY TO MANUFACTURE COCAINE. IN A CONVOLUTED, BUT NOT ENTIRELY SURPRISING DECISION, THE SUPREME COURT SIMULTANEOUSLY DENIED THE EXTRADITION REQUEST FOR BLANCA SUAREZ, ASUNTA ROCA'S MOTHER. NEVERTHELESS, THE DECISION IS AN IMPORTANT STEP WHICH SERVES TO WARN TRAFFICKERS THAT EXTRADITION IS A REAL POSSIBILITY.

3. AVIATION WING EARNS HIGH MARKS

THE NAS-SUPPORTED AIR WING RECEIVED HIGH PRAISE FOR ITS MAINTENANCE AND SAFETY PROGRAMS FROM AN ICAP INSPECTION TEAM. (INTERAGENCY COMMITTEE FOR AVIATION PROGRAMS). THE ICAP TEAM, INCLUDING REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE FAA, CUSTOMS AND THE U.S. ARMY, SPENT THREE DAYS INSPECTING NAS AIR OPERATIONS. ALTHOUGH THEY DID HAVE SOME CRITICISMS, AND HAVE NOT YET ISSUED THEIR FINAL REPORT, THE ICAPERS GAVE NAS AIR OPERATIONS VERY HIGH MARKS, AND DESCRIBED THE MAINTENANCE PROGRAM AS THE EQUAL OF THAT FOUND IN ANY UNIT OF THE U.S. ARMY.

4. COCA ERADICATION REACHES HIGHEST LEVEL THIS YEAR

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DIRECO (THE NATIONAL DIRECTORATE FOR AGRICULTURAL RECONVERSION) REDUCED 682 HECTARES OF COCA PLANTINGS DURING JULY - A NOTABLE ACHIEVEMENT. THIS SURPASSES BY MORE THAN 100 HECTARES THE YEAR'S PREVIOUS HIGH OF 523 HECTARES ACCOMPLISHED DURING JANUARY. (NOTE: JANUARY'S TOTAL WAS APPLIED TOWARD 1991'S ERADICATION GOALS). JULY'S SUCCESS IS THE FIRST FRUIT OF CHANGES PUT INTO PLACE OVER THE PAST FEW MONTHS. THESE CHANGES INCLUDE DISMISSING UNPRODUCTIVE WORKERS, AWARDING INCENTIVES, AND IMPROVED COORDINATION BETWEEN CROP ERADICATION AND USAID ALTERNATIVE DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE. THESE IMPROVEMENTS ARE VERY MUCH THE RESULT OF THE PLANS AND EFFORTS OF THE NEW DIRECO DIRECTOR DANIEL SANCHEZ (MAY), AND U.S. FIELD ADVISOR LTC. FRANCISCO ALVAREZ (JUNE).

5. COCA PRICES TURN DOWNWARD

AFTER THREE MONTHS OF STEADY INCREASES THE AVERAGE PRICE FOR COCA DECLINED DURING JULY. TRADITIONALLY, PRICES DIP IN JULY AND BEGIN CLIMBING AGAIN IN EARLY AUGUST AS THE MARKET REACTS TO THE REDUCED HARVESTS OF THE WINTER MONTHS.

NOTE: THE PRICES IN THE FOLLOWING TABLES ARE IN BOLIVIANOS WITH DOLLAR EQUIVALENTS IN PARENTHESES. CURRENTLY, 3.92 BOLIVIANOS EQUALS ONE U.S. DOLLAR.

MONTH	SINAHOTA	IVIRGARZAMA	ETERAMAZAMA
DEC 1991	80.00 (21.26)	130.00 (36.31)	90.00 (24.05)
1990	50.00 (14.70)	50.00 (14.70)	55.00 (16.20)
1989	52.61 (17.83)	41.74 (14.15)	73.48 (24.91)
JAN 1992	110.00 (29.18)	110.00 (29.18)	70.00 (18.57)
1991	91.61 (26.55)	80.32 (23.28)	81.45 (23.61)
1990	40.48 (13.49)	31.77 (10.59)	58.06 (19.35)
FEB 1992	161.03 (42.49)	150.69 (39.76)	131.29 (34.64)
1991	198.57 (56.57)	185.36 (52.81)	168.21 (47.92)
1990	35.00 (11.55)	28.04 (9.25)	43.57 (14.38)
MAR 1992	185.74 (48.75)	168.15 (44.13)	177.41 (44.13)
1991	254.60 (72.54)	234.40 (66.78)	229.20 (65.30)
1990	37.58 (12.20)	29.35 (9.63)	41.61 (13.51)
APR 1992	130.58 (34.01)	147.69 (38.46)	162.31 (42.27)
1991	187.67 (53.01)	181.67 (51.32)	164.17 (46.33)
1990	30.67 (9.89)	25.67 (8.28)	35.50 (11.45)
MAY 1992	145.38 (37.76)	177.31 (46.10)	145.38 (37.76)
1991	135.74 (38.13)	119.35 (33.53)	139.19 (39.10)
1990	51.77 (16.49)	44.52 (14.18)	60.81 (19.37)
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JUN 1992	185.00 (47.56)	185.00 (47.56)	189.33 (48.67)
1991	191.11 (53.23)	177.41 (49.42)	186.67 (52.00)
1990	84.67 (26.88)	76.33 (24.23)	98.33 (31.22)
JUL 1992	162.58 (41.47)	168.55 (43.00)	115.16 (29.38)
1991	123.08 (34.09)	139.42 (38.62)	111.54 (30.90)
1990	110.32 (34.80)	101.29 (31.95)	114.19 (36.02)

CUMULATIVE REDUCTION STATISTICS AS REPORTED BY DIRECO
(FIGURES ARE IN HECTARES)

MONTH	CY 92	CY 91	CUMULATIVE CY 92	CUMULATIVE OVERALL
TOTAL FROM 9/1/87 TO 12/31/91				18,596.3
JANUARY	523.9	751.1	523.9	19,120.2
FEBRUARY	359.8	465.7	883.7	19,[illegible].0
MARCH	359.8	225.2	1,243.5	19,839.8
APRIL	355.4	201.8	1,598.9	20,194.4
MAY	356.6	349.9	1,955.5	20,551.0
JUN	469.6	353.6	2,425.1	21,020.6
JUL	682.7	747.0	3,107.8	21,703.3

CY 1992 ERADICATION BY CATEGORY

MONTH	COMPENSATED	UNCOMPENSATED	MONTHLY TOTAL
TOTAL 1991	4,662.6	824.1	5,486.7
JANUARY	495.2	28.7	523.9
FEBRUARY	344.6	15.2	359.8
MARCH	344.6	15.2	359.8
APRIL	343.4	12.1	355.4
MAY	344.6	12.0	356.6
JUN	457.1	12.5	469.6
JUL	668.1	14.6	682.7

NARCOTICS	JULY 92	CY 1992 YTD	JULY 91
COCAINE HCL (KG)	63.6	309.8	19.1
COCAINE BASE (KG)	405.5	3,908.1	285.6
COCAINE PASTE (KG)	0.0	9.1	0.0
AGUA RICA (L)	457.0	11,433.0	830.0
-PASTE EQUIV.(KG)	121.9	3,040.4	216.5
AGUA RICA (BASE)	3,694.0	23,611.0	0.0
-BASE EQUIV.(KG)	3,694.0	23,611.0	0.0
COCA LEAF (KG)	22,065.8	150,186.8	5,940.0

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LABORATORIES

HCL: 2	0	11	
BASE:	23	229	12
AGUA RICA PRODUCTION SITES	85	563	N/A
PASTE:	0	349	123
PERSONS DETAINED:	70	745	84

EQUIPMENT

AIRCRAFT:	0	16	1
VEHICLES:	11	32	1
GENERATORS:	0	6	0
ARMS: -	2	26	2

CHEMICALS

ETHER (L)	40.0	2,084.0	6
ACETONE (L)	1,270.0	3,408.0	10
SULFURIC ACID (L)	1,038.0	12,315.1	3,274.0
BICARBONATE (KG)	82.0	1,967.0	550
LIME (KG)	3,757.8	89,069.9	10,367.0

THE FOLLOWING TABLE COMPARES SEIZURE STATISTICS FROM JANUARY THROUGH JULY OF CALENDAR YEAR 1991 WITH SEIZURE STATISTICS FROM JANUARY THROUGH JULY OF CALENDAR YEAR 1992:

	JAN-JUL 1991	JAN-JUL 1992
COCA LEAF (KG)	23,087.2	68,115.0
COCAINE BASE (KG)	3,080.0	3,908.1
COCAINE HCL (KG)	190.6	309.8
AGUA RICA BASE (LT)	N/A	23,611.0

AGUA RICA	8,655.0	11,433.0
PASTE EQUIVALENT	1,566.8	3,040.4

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BASE LABS (INCLUDING OPERATION GHOST ZONE)	44.0	229.0
PASTE LABS (INCLUDING OPERATION GHOST ZONE)	705.0	349.0
AGUA RICA PRODUCTION SITES	N/A	563.0
PERSONS DETAINED: (INCLUDING OPERATION GHOST ZONE)	652.0	745.0

8. AIR OPERATIONS PROGRAM

-- DURING JULY A NEW AIRCRAFT REFUEL PUMP AND FILTERING SYSTEM WAS INSTALLED AT CHIMORE BASE CAMP, WITH SEPARATE NOZZLES FOR EACH PAD. WORK ON UPGRADING THE CHIMORE AIRFIELD WAS NEARLY COMPLETED, AND THE FIELD WILL SOON BE EVALUATED FOR C-130 FLIGHTS.

-- THIS MONTH THE RED DEVILS TASK FORCE (RDTF) SURPASSED 2700 UH-1H AND CESSNA FLIGHT HOURS IN SUPPORT OF OPERATION GHOST ZONE. THIS, DESPITE THE FACT THAT THE RDTF MISSION CAPABLE RATE FELL BELOW 80% FOR ONLY THE SECOND TIME IN EIGHT MONTHS.

I. FLIGHT HOUR USAGE -

UH-1H

	OPS	MAINT	TRNG	VIS	MED TRANS	LOGISTICS
TRINIDAD	110.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
CHIMORE	181.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
SANTA CRUZ	43.4	10.1	52.8	29.6	0.0	3.2
TOTAL	334.9	10.1	52.8	29.6	0.0	3.2

TOTAL FOR JULY 430.6

CESSNA

	OPS	MAINT	TRNG	MIS	MED TRANS	LOGISTICS
TRINIDAD	48.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
CHIMORE	103.7	5.5	19.2	0.0	0.0	0.0
SANTA CRUZ	14.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

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TOTAL	166.6	5.5	19.2	0.0	0.0	0.0

TOTAL FOR JULY 191.3

9. COMPARATIVE OPERATIONAL READINESS RATE AND HOURS:

I. UH-LH HELICOPTERS:

MONTH	OPERATIONAL READINESS 1991	1992	HOURS FLOWN 1991	1992
JANUARY	74.8	83.0	188.0	296.3
FEBRUARY	83.0	84.0	377.0	617.1
MARCH	74.2	85.0	318.0	580.6
APRIL	77.3	82.0	441.0	632.0
MAY	74.2	79.0	512.0	503.0
JUNE	84.0	83.0	525.0	514.0
JULY	70.0	79.0	381.0	430.0
AUGUST	71.0		508.7	
SEPTEMBER	74.0		435.3	
OCTOBER	63.0		339.0	
NOVEMBER	72.0		417.4	
DECEMBER	87.0		446.5	

II. CESSNA 206:

MONTH	HOURS FLOWN 1991	1992	OPERATIONAL READINESS 1991	1992
JANUARY	54.0	106.9	90.0	92.0
FEBRUARY	50.0	63.1	89.0	69.0
MARCH	40.0	165.4	85.0	99.0
APRIL	108.0	161.3	95.0	86.0
MAY	149.0	149.7	98.0	92.0
JUNE	150.0	89.0	98.0	119.0
JULY	99.0	192.0	81.0	82.0
AUGUST	71.0		79.0	

SEPTEMBER	84.0	82.0
OCTOBER	148.0	87.0
NOVEMBER	163.0	94.0
DECEMBER	134.0	98.0

10. MAINTENANCE:

	UH-1H	C 206
MISSION CAPABLE	79	82
NONMISSION CAPABLE MAINTENANCE	18	18
NONMISSION CAPABLE SUPPLY	2	0
TOTAL HOURS	430	192
HOURS PER AIRFRAME	19.5	48
ACCIDENT FREE HOURS	21,227.0	564

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11. DYN CORP PERSONNEL SUPPORT (SNAPSHOT 31 MAY 92):

POSITION	ON HAND	AUTHORIZED	REQUIRED	FILL RATE OF AUTH (PERCENTAGE)
STATION MANAGER	1	1	1	100
SEC	1	1	1	100
INSTRUCTOR PILOTS	1	1	1	100
LOGISTICS	2	2	2	100
DATA ENTRY	1	1	1	100
QUALITY CONTROL/ MECHANICS	7	7	8	100
TOTAL	13	13	14	100

12. PILOTS AVAILABLE TO THE RDTF:

	UH-1H	CESSNA 206	RDTF
INSTRUCTOR PILOTS	2	3	5
PILOTS-IN-COMMAND	22	3	25
PILOTS	19	7	26
STUDENT PILOTS	0	0	0
TOTAL PILOTS	54	10	64
TOTAL FLIGHT CREWS	27	4	31
TOTAL AIRCRAFT ASSIGNED	22	4	26

13. THE WLE PROGRAM ABSTRACT OF OPERATIONS FOR THE PERIOD JUNE 1992 FOLLOWS:

I.TASK FORCES --	OPS SORTIES/ HRS	TRNG HOURS	LOGTS SORTIES	MAINT DAYS
TRINIDAD	35/2016	24	2	54
PUERTO VILLARROEL	22/1152	00	0	38
RIBERALTA	34/1344	00	0	36
GUAYARAMERIN	34/1824	60	0	49
SUPPORT VESSELS				
MS-341	1/264	0	0	17
MS-223	4/288	0	0	17
MS-224	3/312	0	0	17
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SAVIA	1/168	0	0	10

II. EMPLOYMENT MISSIONS

TASK FORCES --	BOARDINGS	BLOCKADES	LAND INSERTS	LISTENING OPS
TRINIDAD	40	31	52	48
PUERTO VILLARROEL	17	6	31	6
RIBERALTA	28	10	30	13
GUAYARAMERIN	32	19	78	11

(NOTE: TASK FORCE STATISTICS ARE TOTALS FOR ALL PATROL BOATS PERMANENTLY ASSIGNED TO THE BASES DENOTED. OPERATIONS MAY, OR MAY NOT, HAVE BEEN CONDUCTED WITHIN THE INDICATED BASE'S AREA OF OPERATION. OPERATING HOUR AND SORTIE STATISTICS REPORTED ABOVE DO NOT INCLUDE ZODIAC AND CAN OE
OPERATIONS WHICH WERE CONSIDERABLE DURING THE PERIOD.)

III. OPERATIONAL STATISTICS FOR WLE PROGRAM

BASE LAB(2)	02	
PASTE LAB(S)	01	
AGUA RICA	30	LTS
DIESEL	300	LTS
LIME	33	KGS
SODIUM BICARBONATE	02	KGS
SULFURIC ACID	03	LTS
HF RADIO	01	

14. PERSONNEL ASSIGNED TO THE BOLIVIAN WLE TASK FORCE (RTF) AS OF JUNE 30, 1992:

TASK FORCES	OFFICIALS	SUB-OFFICIALS	SERGEANTS
TRINIDAD RTF HDQTS	04	04	00
TRINIDAD	04	07	01
PUERTO VILLARROEL	04	04	04
RIBERALTA	04	03	05
GUAYARAMERIN	06	04	08

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SUPPORT VESSELS	04	03	03

15. PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS:

(A) <u>OPERATION GHOST ZONE</u> WAS THE PRIMARY FOCUS FOR WLE FORCES DURING THE PERIOD. UTILIZING THE TWO TEMPORARY FORWARD OPERATING BASES (FOBS) LOCATED WITHIN THE CHAPARE REGION, WLE FORCES EFFECTIVELY CLOSED DOWN THE RIVERS IN THIS REGION AS A TRANSPORTATION NETWORK FOR NARCO-TRAFFICKERS. THIS MONTH'S TOTAL OF 6,336 PATROL BOAT HOURS IS THE HIGHEST TOTAL EVER ACHIEVED FOR THIS PROGRAM. THIS FEAT IS EVEN MORE NOTABLE WHEN YOU CONSIDER THE HIGH LEVEL OF ZODIAC AND CANOE OPERATIONS WLE FORCES CONDUCTED DURING THE SAME PERIOD. THESE BOAT HOUR STATISTICS WERE THE MOST IMPORTANT MEASURE OF EFFECTIVENESS DURING THIS PERIOD BECAUSE WLE FORCES WERE ESSENTIALLY A DETERRENT FORCE WHICH FORCED THE NARCO-TRAFFICKERS FROM THE RIVERS. SEIZURE STATISTICS WERE MINIMAL BECAUSE OF THIS. ALL AVAILABLE WLE

FORCES WERE EMPLOYED TO EXECUTE THIS HIGH PRIORITY MISSION INCLUDING OPERATIONAL ASSETS AND PERSONNEL FROM THE RIBERALTA AND GUAYARAMERIN BASES. THESE FORCES CONTINUED THEIR DEPLOYMENT IN THE GHOST ZONE OPERATIONAL AREA AUGMENTING EXISTING FORCES FROM THE TRINIDAD AND PUERTO VILLARROEL BASES. BARRIER PATROL OPERATIONS AND DAILY PATROLS WERE CONDUCTED ON THE RIVERS SYSTEMS WITHIN THE OPERATING AREA USING BOTH SMALL PATROL BOATS (22'S), ZODIACS, AND INDIGENOUS CANOES. ALL MAINTENANCE AND LOGISTICAL SUPPORT WAS CONDUCTED FROM THE TRINIDAD BASE WITH TWO SUPPORT VESSELS (MS-223 AND MS-224) CONDUCTING CREW/BOAT SWAP OUTS AND REPROVISIONING OF FOOD, FUEL, AND OTHER NECESSARY SUPPLIES. TOWARD THE END OF THE PERIOD, ONE OF THE TWO TEMPORARY FOBS WAS CLOSED AND THE OTHER REDUCED IN SIZE BECAUSE OF THE RAPID DECREASE IN THE WATER LEVEL OF THE RIVERS IN THIS
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REGION. WLE FORCES OPERATING FROM THIS BASE SWITCHED TO LIGHTER, SHALLOWER DRAFT CANOES TO CONTINUE THEIR EFFORTS AT EXERTING A LAW ENFORCEMENT PRESENCE.

(B) NAS FUNDED PROJECT WORK ON THE MS-103, "COMANDANTE ARANDIA", CONTINUED TO PROGRESS TOWARD COMPLETION AND IS SCHEDULED FOR COMMISSIONING ON SEPTEMBER 2, 1992. USING BOTH NAS AND MILGRP RESOURCES, THE BOLIVIAN NAVY HAS COMMENCED CONSTRUCTION OF A COMBINED OFFICE/COMMAND CENTER ON THE BIM IN TRINIDAD TO REPLACE THE LEASED OFFICE SPACE NAS WAS OBLIGED TO GIVE UP EARLIER THIS YEAR. THIS PROJECT SHOULD BE COMPLETED BY DECEMBER 1992.

(C) U.S. COAST GUARD MEMBERS OF DEA SNOWCAP OVERSAW OPERATIONS PLANNING AND EXECUTION OF THE WLE PORTION
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